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EXAMINING GROUP 2654

Docket No.: 826.1726

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the Application of:

Yoshio NAKAO

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For: APPARATUS FOR READING A PLURALITY OF DOCUMENTS AND A METHOD
THEREOF

REQUEST TO RESTART PERIOD FOR RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION

Commissioner for Patents
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Attention: **BOX AF**

Sir:

This is in response to the Office Action mailed June 24, 2005, and having a period for response set to expire on September 24, 2005.

In the June 24, 2005 Office Action, an article by "Stein et al. (Computational Intelligence, v 16, n 4, Nov 2000 p. 606-613)" (Office Action, page 4, lines 4-5) was cited. However, no article was attached to the June 24, 2005 Office Action; nor was any such article listed on the form PTO-892 attached to the June 24, 2005 Office Action; nor, to the knowledge of the undersigned, was this article cited previously during prosecution of this application.

As a result, Applicant was unable to properly respond to the June 24, 2005 Office Action until the Stein et al. article was supplied via facsimile on September 13, 2005 at the request of

the undersigned. Therefore, it is respectfully requested that the period for response be restarted no earlier than the date that the Stein et al. article was provided.

Respectfully submitted,

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